



# Carver Heights CRA Update 2014



# Background

- CHCRA was created December 10, 2001
- Consist of approximately 1,200 Acres
- Has a 15 year life span
- Revenue Note of \$1.4 million established December 2008



# Priority Projects

1. Establish a Program Coordinator Position
2. Develop Drainage Plan
3. Improve appearance of retention ponds
4. Develop Sidewalk Master Plan
5. Develop Master Utility Plan
6. Develop parking and access plan for Griffin Road
7. Provide Housing Assistance Program
8. Create Master Park and Recreation Plan
9. Support expansion of Carver Middle and Rimes Athletic facilities
10. Develop landscape guidelines
11. Install Streetlights
12. Add Landscaping
13. Expand Community Policing Efforts
14. Create Development/Business Incentive Programs





# 5 Most Crucial Projects

1. Provide CRA Program Coordinator
2. Develop infrastructure and pedestrian support facilities
3. Develop Comprehensive Recreation Programs/Facilities
4. Develop a Commercial and Industrial Improvement Program
5. Develop the Gateways into the Community

# Crucial Project Progress

CRA Program Coordinator

- Temporary Support Staff



## Infrastructure

- \$750K CDBG awarded 2007;
- \$750K CDBG awarded 2013
- Public Works funding (sidewalks, stormwater etc.)
- Electric (Underground Utilities)



# Crucial Project Progress

## Recreation Programs / Facilities

- New Gymnasium
- Park Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Bike/Walking Trail



## Commercial and Industrial Improvement Program

- Enterprise Zone
- Workforce Job Creation Grants



# Crucial Project Progress

## Gateways / Entryway Signage

- Cost prohibited
- Revise Project objective



## Housing

- Mispah/Simmons Apt
- Rental Units
- Housing Rehabilitation





# Next Steps

- Extend CRA timeframe
- Expand CRA boundaries
- Focus funding for specific projects that generate revenue for long-term stability (i.e. housing, community retail projects etc.)
- Support funding for more recreation opportunities
  - i.e. Berry Park , Gymnasium, Holliman's Way, Susan St





# Questions